99. Rs. 80,000 under "20-8-Miscellaneous—Cost of noon-day meals".

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiar *(Director of Public Instruction):* I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 80,000 under "20-8-Miscellaneous" to meet the cost of the noon-day feeding of pupils in Primary Schools. In last year's budget we had made an allotment of only Rs. 2,000 and last year feeding was conducted only in a few schools. This year it has been taken up in right earnest, and it has been extended to a large number of schools. This amount is required to meet the enhanced expenditure on account of the noon-feeding of children. I request the House to sanction this allotment.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the rate per child?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiar *(Director of Public Instruction):* We are paying 1 anna per child. The total expenditure is estimated at 3 lakhs. Government is contributing only 1 lakh.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* How do the Government propose to meet the other 2 lakhs?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiar *(Director of Public Instruction):* We are expecting a donation of 2 lakhs and with that the total comes to 3 lakhs. It is for the Government contribution of a third of the total that the additional allotment is asked for.

Demand put and carried

100. Rs. 1,370 under "20-Primary Boys—Ordinary grant".

101. Rs. 5,000 „ "20-Contribution towards—Dearness allowance—(Primary Boys)".

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiar *(Director of Public Instruction):* I rise to move items 100 and 101 together as they relate to grant-in-aid for primary schools I beg to move for an additional grant of Rs. 6,370 under-grant-in-aid Rs. 1,370 under 20-Primary Boys—Ordinary grant and Rs. 5,000 under 20-Contribution towards Dearness allowance (Primary Boys), to the teachers in aided Primary Schools and for aiding the classes started in 1115 and 1116. The amount provided in this year's budget was found insufficient and it is to make up this deficit that the additional allotment is now asked for. When the schools are taken on the aided list, Government have to make contribution towards dearness allowance to the teachers of those schools. There is no provision for this in the Budget. I therefore request that the House may be pleased to sanction the grant.

Demand put and carried

102. Rs. 1,480 under "14-Education Cranganur—1—Secondary Boys—Dearness allowance".

103. Rs. 633 „ "14-2-Secondary Girls—Dearness allowance".

104. Rs. 2,670 „ "14-3-Primary Boys—Dearness allowance—(Sirkar Schools)".

105. Rs. 1,096 „ "14-3-Contribution towards—Dearness allowance—Aided Schools)".

106. Rs. 358 „ "14-4-Primary Girls—Dearness allowance".

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiar *(Director of Public Instruction):* I beg leave to move items 102 to 106 together as the whole amount relates to Cranganur and is under the same head "dearness allowance" Rs. 1 480 under "14 Education Cranganur—1—Secondary Boys—dearness allowance," Rs. 633 under 14-2—Secondary Girls Dearness allowance," Rs. 2,670 under "14-3-Primary Boys—Dearness allowance." Rs. 1,096—under "14-3-Contribution towards dearness allowance (Aided Schools)," and Rs. 358 under "14-4-Primary Girls—Dearness allowance." This amount is intended for payment of dearness allowance to the teachers employed in the Principality. It is due to the enhanced rate and scope of the dearness allowance given by the Government this year. For the obvious reasons which have already been referred to by Hon'ble friends, I request the House to sanction this amount.

Demand, put and carried

107. Rs. 570 under "14-2-Secondary Girls—Establishment".

108 Rs. 199 „ "14-3-Primary Boys—Grant-in-aid".

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiar *(Offg. Director of Public Instruction):* I beg to move items 107 and 108 together as they relate to Education, Cranganur Rs. 570 under "14-2-Secondary Girls—Establishment" and Rs. 199 under "14-3-Primary Boys—Grant-in-aid." On account of the raising of the Cranganur Lower Secondary Girls' School to a High School, additional establishment had to be provided and it is also due to the decision of the Government to aid from 1119 the classes that were in existence in 1115 and 1116. I request the House may be pleased to grant Rs. 769 under these two heads together.

Demands put and carried

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